MR. P. M. VARGHESE : ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉത്തമതാല്പര്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഹാനികരമായിരിക്കുന്ന എന്ന് ഉത്തരത്തിൽ കാണുന്നു. ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉത്തമ താൽപ്പര്യം എന്താണെന്ന പറയുമോ ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉത്തമതാൽപ്പര്യം ജനങ്ങളുടെ ക്ഷേമം തന്നെ.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: ജനങ്ങളുടെ ക്ഷേമമാണ് വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉത്തമതാല്പര്യമെങ്കിൽ ഈ ക്ഷാമകാലത്തു് ജനസംരക്ഷണത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ഗവണ്മെൻറ്

PRESIDENT : Order, Order. Questions for what may be called influencing or altering or commenting upon Government policy are not proper subjects for supplementary questions. Supplementary questions can only be asked for the purpose of elucidating information.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉത്തമതാല്പര്യം ജനക്ഷേമം എന്നാണ് ഞാനും മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതു്. അതു ശരിയാണെങ്കിൽ എന്റെ ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിന് ഇതു അശ്രദ്ധയോടുകൂടിയ ഒരു മറുപടി...

PRESIDENT : If the honourable member is of the opinion that the policy which is stated in the answer to the question is a wrong policy then he will have very soon an opportunity to deal with that matter.

Grow More Food Campaign.

101. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the various activities started by Government for encouraging 'Grow More Food Campaign' ;

(*b*) the new areas of land and water brought under cultivation ;

(*c*) the areas in the reserve set apart for paddy cultivation ;

(*d*) the areas in the reserve set apart for other cultivation under the scheme of 'Grow More Food' ;

(*e*) the areas that were leased out till now ; and

(*f*) the areas that were brought under cultivation out of the areas leased out ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR :

(*a*) 1. Opening of Departmental Manure Depots and stocking artificial fertilizers for sale to ryots at cost price and on crop loan basis.

2. Manufacture of compost manure with town refuse and nightsoil and leaf mould obtained from reserve forest areas for augmenting the local production of manures.

3. Conversion of single crop paddy lands in North Travancore into double crop lands under the Lift Irrigation Scheme.

4. Insistence on the annual cultivation of lake reclamations.

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5. Cultivation of vegetables on water free areas in the irrigation tanks.
6. Arranging for the supply of iron and steel for the manufacture of agricultural implements.
7. Conduct of cultural demonstrations on ryots' lands for convincing them of the need for using better manures, better seed and better implements for increasing the yield of paddy.
8. Carrying on vigorous propaganda by the officers of the Department for putting every bit of available land under food crops.
9. Leasing out suitable wet and dry lands available from reserved forests.

(*b*) about 3970 acres from reserved forests.
(*c*) about 5600 acres.
(*d*) about 6060 acres.
(*e*) about 6050 acres.
(*f*) about 3970 acres.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : ഏതാണ്ട് നേർപകുതി സ്ഥലംമാത്രമേ പാട്ടത്തിനു കൊടുക്കപ്പെട്ടതിൽ കൃഷി ചെയ്യുള്ളൂ എന്നു മറുപടിയിൽ കാണുന്നു. ഇതിനുള്ള കാരണം പാട്ടത്തിനു കൊടുത്ത വ്യവസ്ഥയിൽ വന്ന ദോഷംകൊണ്ടല്ലയോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : അല്ല.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : പാട്ടത്തിനു കൊടുത്തു നാ കൊല്ലം കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ സ്ഥലം തിരികെ വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള വ്യവസ്ഥനിമിത്തം അതിൽ നിക്ഷേപിക്കപ്പെട്ട സംഖ്യ ഈ കാലത്തിനകം തിരികെ കിട്ടിയില്ലെങ്കിലോ എന്നു ഭയമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടല്ലേ അധികം ആളുകൾ ഇതിനു തയ്യാറാകാത്തതു്?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: ഈ വ്യവസ്ഥ ആദ്യം തന്നെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടല്ലൊ.

PRESIDENT : Mr. P. S. Mahomed is a sufficiently old member of this House and he ought to know that he should not be standing in his place while another honourable member is on his legs.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : അവരുടെ പണം ഈ പറഞ്ഞ മൂന്നു കൊല്ലത്തിനകം കിട്ടുമെന്നു് അവർക്കു് വിശ്വാസമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടല്ലേ ഈ പാട്ടം വ്യവസ്ഥപ്രകാരം കൃഷി ചെയ്യാൻ അവർ തയ്യാറാകാത്തതു്?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : അങ്ങനെ അവക്കു ഭയമുണ്ടായിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ പാട്ടത്തിൽ ഈ സ്ഥലങ്ങളെടുക്കുന്നതിനുതന്നെ അവർ തയ്യാറാകുകയില്ലായിരുന്നു.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Are not Government aware that large acres of paddy land in South Travancore lie silted up and useless for cultivation?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*): Sir, that question does not arise out of this question.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Out of the 3,970 acres leased out in 1118, may I know how many acres are under cultivation at present?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: No definite figures can be given at present. Approximately more than half is under cultivation.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: It is stated that Government have made arrangements for the supply of iron and steel for the manufacture of agricultural implements. May I know what the arrangements are?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Representations have been made to the Government of India and they have agreed to allot a quota of steel and iron to this State for the manufacture of agricultural implements.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Is the Government in a position to supply steel and iron for manufacturing implements at present?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: As soon as the supply promised by the Government of India arrives, Government will only be too glad to give them to the agriculturists.

PRESIDENT: This Government have addressed the Government of India for the supply of iron and steel for the manufacture of agricultural implements. About three weeks ago the Government of India have written to us asking us the amount that we want so that they may allot a quota in proportion to the population and need of this State. This Government have given a reply to it and we can hope that a fairly large supply will be forthcoming very shortly.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know what action Government have taken against those who have taken the lands on lease in their names and left them uncultivated?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Action is being taken to terminate the leases.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether it will be possible to give any substantial help to the agriculturists before the cessation of the hostilities?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: It is a matter beyond the control of this Government.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the member the cost of Government manure which is now available to the public from Government depots?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government and Director of Food Supplies*): About Rs. 8 chs. 23 per cwt. for groundnut cake and about Rs. 14 and odd for ammonium sulphate.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know, Sir, whether they are being sold by private merchants?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes Sir, a small quantity of ground nut cake is available with the private merchants.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there is any difference in price in the manure sold by private merchants and those obtainable from Government depots.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, there is a small difference. Private merchants are underselling them and Government intend to take over all such stocks themselves.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government have enquired whether the average agriculturist is in a position to apply such costly manures for his cultivation?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government consider the advisability of granting loans also to the poor agriculturists?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I wonder, Sir, whether that question arises out of the main question.

PRESIDENT: No, it does not arise.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL: May I know when we can expect to get agricultural implements?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: This Government have asked the Government of India for the supply of necessary iron and steel for the manufacture of agricultural implements. As soon as a quota is fixed and supplied, that will be made available to the public through the several agricultural depots.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL: May I know how many depots have till now been opened?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About 40 manure depots.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether any application was received for the opening of depots last year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. A. NESAMONY (*Kalliasseri cum Vilavancode*): Do not the merchants get the manure from the same source of supply?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. A. NESAMONY: Then how is it that certain merchants sell the commodity to the public at a lesser rate?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: They are underselling the manure. Government are going to take over all the supply under their own control.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL: May I know the quantity of manure supplied to the Changanacherry taluk last year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI (*Thiruvalla*): Are the Government going to increase the price of the commodity in private shops to the level of those obtaining in the Government depots or reducing the price obtaining in Government depots to that of the private shops?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The idea of the Government is to sell them at the cheapest rate possible. When Government have no stock with them in the Government depots, private dealers raise the price by 50 to 60 per cent, and profiteer.

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MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH : ഇപ്പോൾ ഉള്ള ർ ഠ ഡിപ്പോകൾക്കു പുറമെ ഏതാനും ഡിപ്പോകൾകൂടി തുറക്കുന്നതിനു മയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : കഴിയുന്നിടത്തോളം ഡിപ്പോകൾ തുറക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH : അങ്ങനെ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ മിനച്ചൽ താലൂക്കിൽകൂടി ഒരു ഡിപ്പോ തുറക്കുമോ ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

Destruction of life and property caused by wild animals.

102 * MR. P. M. VARGHESE : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to the Government about the destruction of life and property caused by wild animals in Todupuzha forest areas such as Kaliar and Mullaringad : and

(*b*) what steps have been taken to remedy those evils ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Forest subordinates have been ordered to keep watch and report on the movements of any rogue elephant which is likely to do damage to life and property. If such an elephant is reported it will be permitted to be shot.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : കാട്ടുമൃഗങ്ങളുടെ ശല്യമുള്ളതായി ഇവിടെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ ഏതു കാട്ടുമൃഗങ്ങളെ കൊന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : നമ്പർ പറയാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള ശല്യം നിവൃത്തൽ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു കീഴ്സിൽബന്ധികൾക്കു ഉത്തരവു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നു. എന്നാൽ അവർ ഏതുമാത്രം ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ജോലികൾ ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു അന്വേഷിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : അന്വേഷിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : ഏതെങ്കിലും ആനയെ കൊന്നിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : അറിയാം.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE : ഇപ്പോഴും ആനകളുടെ ശല്യം ഉള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും.

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